

The RED POST

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| Sunday 4th January <i>Christmas 2</i> | | <u>11.00am</u> Morning Prayer | | <u>9.15am</u> Sung Eucharist with Choir | <u>3pm</u> Evening Prayer | |
| Wednesday 7th January | | | | <u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 11th January <i>Epiphany 1</i> | | | <u>11.00am</u> Morning Prayer | <u>9.15am</u> Sung Eucharist | <u>9.15am</u> Holy Communion | <u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 14th January | | | | <u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 18th January <i>Epiphany 2</i> | <u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion | | | <u>9.15am</u> Café Church | <u>9.15am</u> Morning Prayer | |
| Wednesday 21st January | | | | <u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 25th January <i>Epiphany 3</i> | | | <u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion | <u>9.15am</u> Holy Communion | | |
| Wednesday 28th January | | | | <u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion | | |

Please look at our website <https://www.redpostbenefice.com/>

We now have an up-to-date database. Please see the churchwardens or PCC to add your name to the central list of contacts.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Ministry Team meeting – Saturday 10th January – we will be meeting at the beginning of the year to plan and prepare for our services throughout January 2026, please pray for the team.

Red Post Benefice - AGM. Saturday 31st January 2026. 10.00 am at Morden Village Hall. Bacon rolls and coffee will be served.

Our prayers are asked for: The Reverend David Reed and his family as he prepares to join us for a 3-month placement through January, February and March. David is a full-time curate based in Corfe Mullen and he joins us over halfway through his training to gain some valuable experience of ministry in a different context. I know you will join me in welcoming David to the Red Post for this part of his training. David joins me as a colleague, bringing a wealth of experience and I'm looking forward to his contribution to the Red Post churches.

From Jane: For many, the past few months have not been straightforward and there have been struggles with health issues as well as concerns about finances and life in general. That's before we even begin to comprehend the problems people are facing across the world and in particular the unrest in Ukraine, South Sudan, Palestine and Gaza as well as many other war zones. And here we are, at the gateway to a New Year and all the possibilities it brings. We pray for PEACE.

Trusting in God's faithfulness which has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt we will look forward to 2026 together across our communities and all that brings, opportunities to reflect together and to celebrate God's goodness to us.

There will be a chance to look back at 2025 when we get together at the Red Post Benefice AGM in January. The AGM is for anyone from our church communities who is interested in our churches and especially if you would like to be part of the team that looks after our buildings and governance as well as those interested in mission and ministry here. We will also be planning ahead for 2026 and all that entails. We have an exciting year to look forward to, alongside some extensive building work there will be an opportunity to think through how we are making Jesus known in our communities at a time when the world seems so full of uncertainty and people are looking for a stability and a place where there is meaning and hope!

God's presence here on earth speaks to truth and certainty, in the power of the Holy Spirit and it is at Christmas time people often meet with the God who came to earth in human form – JESUS. Some encountering him for the very first time. My challenge therefore is for us as a group of churches to witness to the good news, that gospel message and put Jesus, our Saviour, into the centre of our lives, the centre of how and where we live. My prayer is that God will not only open our eyes afresh, but also those around us who have maybe already heard the message, but not understood it for themselves just yet. Let's all be part of God's story here in 2026!

Happy Christmas to you all and a blessed New Year, when it comes.

Sent with my love,

Jane